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Commemorative Edition

Dr. Bob Jones Jr.
1911–1997

A Personal Note:

"We are not here today to deify a man. We are here to glorify that man's God."

We echo these words from Dr. Rod Bell's opening tribute at Dr. Bob's funeral here in this issue of the BJUReview. We do not want to deify a man, but rather glorify our God. But no one who was present at the funeral service that cold November Monday left without a very powerful desire to carry on where Dr. Bob Jr. has left off. Our prayer is that this issue of our magazine be used by God to challenge hearts in the same moving way.

This issue of the BJUReview is intended to remember the life of Dr. Bob and the ways in which he touched lives. To the students who sat under his preaching, he was truly a grandfather. And a personal meeting with him was an occasion to be cherished and shared. Although we may not have appreciated it as much as we should have, hindsight reveals the enormous privilege that God gave each of us who heard Dr. Bob Jr. speak. He was a man who loved us and sought that we learn and love his God more each day. Perhaps the work of Bob Jones University is his greatest—it is a work he spent his entire life perfecting. But although he dedicated his life to BJU, he never neglected his responsibilities outside of Greenville, South Carolina.

His love of arts has benefitted us all. Were it not for him, there would be no Museum and Gallery—world-renowned and utterly staggering for even the toughest art critic. And, thanks to him, we have Shakespearean plays, performed amazingly well by faculty and students, and Unusual Films, which forever replays Dr. Bob in such inspiring films as *Sheffey* and *The Printing*.

But even though he was a man of immense talent and wisdom, he never once took the glory away from God. And it is for that very quality that we loved Dr. Bob the most—he was honest and humble. For his eloquence he's remembered, but for his zeal for God, he is most loved and respected.

In researching this issue, I spent much time reading *Cornbread and Caviar*, a book I wholeheartedly recommend. A lot of that time, I read with a smile the words of Dr. Bob. And often, I laughed out loud at his sense of humor, which when combined with his immense common sense and quick wit could be quite pointed. He was able to turn the obvious foibles of man in his favor. And I am glad I never personally battled wits with him, for I surely would have lost. The book also reveals his dedication to God, a dedication we could all use a dose of. And he never minced words when it came to his convictions. He was not afraid of being mocked or hated, he simply told the truth as it was without dilution.

My favorite memories of Dr. Bob's wit came during Bible Conference each year. No one can take an offering quite like he did or get even the most serious usher to crack a smile. He pushed buttons that no one else could have pushed and gotten away with. And many times, the ushers would plot rebuttals to his jokes. But Dr. Bob, either by his keen wisdom or plain luck, would not make the comment that the usher reply was planned for, but rather a new joke that left them, once again, smiling and without refute.

Although my personal meetings with Dr. Bob were few, I am still a life he touched through his chapel messages and "fatherly chats." He could make the most difficult concept crystal clear and he made the Bible literally come alive. No other preacher I have ever heard could make God's Word so vivid in my mind.

When I heard the news of Dr. Bob's death on that Wednesday morning, I first sat stunned. Yes, it was something I knew was inevitable, but it still made my heart sink a little. But when I thought of the celebration in heaven, I was comforted to know that he was with his God. And I knew that he was in a far better place than I. So, my sadness was selfish, as is all sadness that the death of a Christian brings. Sadness for a wisdom I will no longer hear in person; sadness for a wit that will no longer make me smile. Sadness for my loss, and the loss of other students, faculty, and believers.

It was an honor to be under his ministry. And it is an honor to help remember and carry on that ministry. We all were touched by Dr. Bob—even the coldest heart was warmed by his voice. Yes, he was often funny, but more importantly, he was committed to the Lord's work.

Once feeling his call was as a missionary, he never lost his love and support for missionaries around the world, often traveling to distant lands to share in their work. But Dr. Bob served his true calling as leader of Bob Jones University and defender of the Fundamentalist Christian faith with intensity and wisdom. And it is for that that we dedicate this issue to remembering our faithful example and leader, Dr. Bob Jones Jr.

– Emily Hart McGinnis
Assistant Editor, '97 grad

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Bob Jones Jr.

On November 12, 1997, at 10:48 a.m., a faithful servant of God and defender of the faith joined his father, his mother, and his Savior on the golden streets of heaven. Dr. Bob Jones Jr. was surrounded by his family when he passed away at his home at age 86 after a six-week battle with abdominal cancer.

"Dad sowed all he could sow, he produced all he could produce, and now he is at rest," said Dr. Bob III when he announced his father's homegoing.

Bob Jones Jr. was born in Montgomery, Alabama, on October 19, 1911, and as a child, often traveled with his parents on his father's evangelistic campaigns.

Very early, Bob showed an interest in things dramatic. When traveling, he would sometimes create a stage in their hotel room by hanging sheets for a stage curtain and then perform plays from his imagination.

When Bob was five, his grandmother, Estelle Siddons

Stollenwerck, assumed some direction of his early education. She was a scholarly woman who loved the beautiful in life, reinforced in him his parents' spiritual lessons, introduced him to the wonders of books, imparted a love for literature that he never outgrew, and taught him French.

At age five, Bob came under the burden of sin about which his father preached. In Aurora, Illinois, young Bob trusted Christ as his personal Savior and became determined to serve Him.

Dr. Rod Bell

Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA

"[Dr. Jones] was a great man because he had a great God. And he gave his life completely, unreservedly to his God. He was a giant among God's giants—he was God's giant redwood. Yet he always had time for us small saplings. We felt like we were that little small twig sometimes, but he always made us feel that we were his peers. It's been a great privilege to know him, and to know him is truly to love him. Our lives will never be the same."

By his own admission, he was a reluctant and sometimes recalcitrant student who loved literature and history but disliked math and spelling. For five years he was tutored by Gussie Woodruff, who took him in tow with what he remembers as "firm discipline, tough tutelage, and vigilant eyes." She believed in the "foot rule and the Golden Rule" and used both impartially. She also was proficient with Octagon soap when correcting the speech and attitude of her ward.

Young Bob read voraciously. His tastes were diverse and included a large and steady diet of the Bible, Tom Swift stories, and the works of Edgar Rice Burroughs and Jules Verne. By age fourteen, Bob had read a collection of fifty missionary books that his father had given him, Foxe's *Book of Martyrs*, all the novels of Alexandre Dumas, *The Wandering Jew* by Eugene Sue, and *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo.

Though somewhat stubborn and shy, Bob was a good student. In 1923 his parents sent him to Starke's Military Academy in Montgomery, because they felt that he needed discipline, intellectual rigor, and opportunities to mix with people.

Starke advocated quick and logical thinking, public speaking, and debate. Each day opened with a Scripture lesson, followed by "mental arithmetic." The boys then studied the great books, physical culture, mathematics, and Latin. Jones credited Starke with sparking his interest in debate and public speaking—interests that were later refined and put to use in both the College and the ministry.

In 1924 as a twelve-year-old boy, Bob accompanied his parents to Europe and the Holy Land. During this, his first trip overseas, he was fascinated with the European art treasures, and he spent many hours exploring galleries, cathedrals, and other public collections.

At fourteen Bob was made a deputy chaplain at Kilby Penitentiary by his father's good

"He Just Is What He Is."

Dr. Bob was known for his wonderful wording when sharing his memories.

The following quotes are taken from his book *Cornbread and Caviar*.

"The greatest joys of my life have been to help bear my father's load and now to be working with a son who, as a preacher and administrator, is a most worthy successor to his grandfather's heritage."

"Whenever I think of Christian character and

friend, Bibb Graves, governor of Alabama. He taught Sunday school lessons, conducted Bible studies, and helped the chaplain with Sunday morning services. The experience showed him the worst in human character, and he learned much of value for his later preaching career. In addition, the experience brought him in contact with rough, unrefined men—a sort of people he had not previously known.

When Bob was fifteen, he saw the last of the great touring Shakespeare companies—Robert Mantel and his troupe. Although drama fascinated him and stirred his imagination, he considered the works of Shakespeare "a terrific bore" until two or three years later when he began memorizing lines from the plays. He also became acquainted with the American opera scene at an early age through one of his aunts, who was a patron of the Metropolitan Opera's yearly performances in Atlanta; during the family's European trips, Bob also attended opera performances with his parents.

In 1927 Bob transferred his high school credits from Starke's and became a member of the first graduating class of Bob Jones Academy, operated in conjunction with the newly opened Bob Jones College. The following year he entered Bob Jones College with a major in speech and a minor in history. He was active in debate, dramatics, and student government.

He graduated from BJC in 1931 and pursued a master of arts degree in history at the University of Pittsburgh, completing it in 1933. He also spent one quarter of study at the University of Chicago Divinity School and took postgraduate work in drama and theater at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.

After his graduation, he was appointed to the College faculty as an instructor in history, teaching ancient and medieval history,

backbone, he [Professor Starke] is one of the three men who come immediately to mind. My father and father-in-law join him to make up the triumvirate of men I have most admired."

The death of his grandmother, Estelle Siddons Stollenwerck, "was my first encounter with death, and the presence of God in the room was so definite and real that it will never be possible for me hereafter to have any dread or fear of death."

"Once my dad saw me running away from a fight. He told me then if I ever ran away again, he would spank me when I got home. …In any case, after boxing lessons, I never had to run again. I think I leaned a valuable lesson: do not pick a fight, but if it is forced on you, stand up to it. No matter how outnumbered you are, do not run from a fight."

"Consistency, conviction, and courage are the virtues I most admire. Falsehood and slander are among the sins I most deplore. I am devoted without limit to my friends and try to love those against whom I must take a stand, as Christ requires."

"If it were not for gifted and faithful people like this, Bob Jones University would not be able to afford most of the things that add to the look of elegance that amazes visitors who have come to think of Christian educational institutions as being run-down, dowdy, ill-kept, and unattractive. I have always felt that something rubs off on a student from this sort of thing and that though a person may be a useful servant of Jesus Christ without polish, culture, and an appreciation for nice things, with them he becomes a more effective representative of the Lord."

"Any religion that does not put its emphasis on the Book, the whole Book, and nothing but the Book and the Christ of the Book will become corrupt and be turned to the destruction of souls."

academic background, and his Fundamentalist theology, combined to form a preaching style that was unusual in its breadth, range, and eloquence.

Bob Jones Jr.'s preaching was often criticized and compared negatively to his father's forceful style—he was considered simply too refined, too poetic, and too dramatic.

Some of the school's supporters were concerned with his "pretty speeches" and "eloquent sermonettes," viewing only the presentational style of the message—little shouting, no pacing the stage, no pulpit pounding or leg kicking. They overlooked the substance of the messages, which was no different from that of his father's sermons. Bob Jones Jr. was an outspoken Fundamentalist who opposed Modernist theology just as his father did.

Before World War II, Dr. Bob tried to remain on the campus as much as possible, attending to the details of the administration of the College. Between the years 1935 and 1947 he spent much of his time and energy establishing the College's fine arts program, developing the faculty, and broadening the College's cultural offerings, including staging the first grand opera performances in central Tennessee in 1942. He also established a concert series which presented guest musicians from around the world.

During Dr. Jones's term as vice president and Acting President, the College experienced

"The Broader a Man's Interest

in any legitimate and wholesome field of study, the more enjoyment he will find in life."

Through Dr. Bob's influence, in 1929 Bob Jones College formed the Classic Players, a Shakespeare repertory company, and in 1930 it staged the first Shakespearean production on the campus, *The Merchant of Venice,* in which Bob Jones Jr. played the role of Shylock.

After several years of campus Shakespearean performances, Bob Jones Jr. came to the attention of the noted actor Fritz Leiber, who invited him to join his touring Shakespeare company. Bob declined the offer. Likewise, when in 1937 Warner Brothers Studios in Hollywood approached him with the offer of a screen test and a contract, he again refused, believing that the Lord had something vastly different for his life.

During the summers of 1934 and 1935 Bob Jr. spent several weeks at Stratford-upon-Avon studying with members of the Shakespeare Company of the Memorial Theatre. Enrollment in the summer program was widely sought but was limited to only six participants each summer, and the students took private acting lessons with actors of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

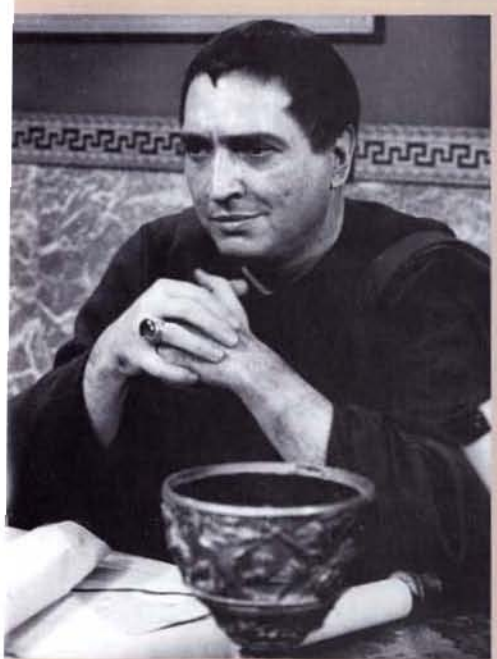
"When the weather was nice, we would take our fencing lessons and our course in stage deportment and eurythmics outdoors," Dr. Bob

great growth, becoming the largest liberal arts college in Tennessee and outgrowing the Cleveland campus. The school made plans to build a new campus in Greenville and move in 1947, and Dr. Bob was responsible for planning, designing, and building the new University campus.

Dr. Edward Panosian

Chairman Emeritus, Division of Social Science, Bob Jones University

"All of us have known him as preacher, exhorter, eloquent defender of truth, and friend. His consistent ministry and exemplary godliness, his gentle firmness and private tenderness have left indelible marks on the lives and labors of thousands. We thank God for him; we honor his Lord for having lent him to earth and now having received him into glory. What an abundant entrance must have been his that Wednesday morn! We shall miss him. And so, farewell, Dr. Bob. Today, we bless God for you, and one day we shall bless God with you."



said. "The latter course, I could never take seriously, and I suspected neither did the teacher, a tiny English ballerina who seemed to have as hard a time as I did in keeping a straight face when some matronly English teacher tried to jump over a hedge gracefully."

In 1933 Dr. Bob developed a one-man show in which he portrayed seven or eight of Shakespeare's most dramatic and entertaining characters. Known as "Curtain Calls," the show was carried by a professional agent for a short time and was scheduled for four weeks of performances each year until December 1945. Performed in authentic costumes and makeup, with special stage and lighting effects and accompanied by classical music, the performances brought acclaim to Dr. Bob as a Shakespearean interpreter.

The Shakespeare Association of America invited him to present "Curtain Calls" at their 1935 annual convention, and one writer called the program "an outstanding contribution to the American theatre." Dr. Jones was hailed by the International Lyceum Association as the "best young actor of Shakespeare in America," and by virtue of the name association, Bob Jones College also gained a reputation in the Southern public's mind.

Dr. Bob found four elements in Shakespeare especially attractive: "The language of the plays is beautiful. The rhythm of the speech is lyrical, musical, and evocative of mood. The quality of the drama is the finest." But for the characters, especially, he holds great affection. He writes, "I have learned a great deal about human nature not only from the Word of God but also from my study of Shakespeare, whose perception and delineation of character are always psychologically accurate."

In addition to these responsibilities, on May 28, 1947, Bob Jones Sr. stepped down as President of the College and Bob Jones Jr. was named by the Board of Trustees as President.

The new Greenville campus, far more spacious than that in Cleveland, allowed Dr. Bob to pursue other of his interests as well. Following a preaching tour to Europe in 1948, he returned to the school in Greenville with the goal of building a University cinema program, expanding on his father's interest in the Christian use of film. Construction for a sound stage began in 1950, and the first film was released in 1951.

In Greenville Dr. Bob's interest in art, painting, and sculpture also blossomed. His exposure to the great museums and galleries of London, Rome, Paris, and Vienna during a 1930s stint as a summer European tour guide prompted Dr. Bob to establish a Gallery of Sacred Art to be paired with the Bowen Museum of Biblical Antiquities on the campus. Through his careful collecting and management, the Gallery grew to be recognized as the finest collection of religious art in the Western Hemisphere.

When Dr. Jones Jr. noticed problems or lapses of vigilance in an area, he was quick to put his thoughts forward in a forthright and direct manner. On a personal level, he was generous and soft-spoken, never harsh, unkind, or obdurate. As President, he was authoritative and decisive, personally considerate but guarded. Unlike his father, who exuded great personal warmth, a charismatic magnetism, and just "loved people" and loved to be in crowds, Bob Jones Jr. was simply a different man, loving instead the privacy of his office and study or the school's art collection.

During his tenure as President, he added nearly a building each year to the Greenville campus, fought the battle against New Evangelicalism and compromise evangelism, strengthened academic programs, and instituted ideas that brought the school to a higher level of academic achievement.

After serving for 24 years as president, in 1971 he handed the office over to his son and assumed the office of Chancellor. He served in this position until his death, remaining active in the administration of the school and frequently speaking in chapel and Sunday morning worship services.

Bob Jones Jr. was widely traveled, and his preaching career took him to every inhabited continent of the world, many countries, and every state in the union. He preached to millions of people, saw many thousands converted to Christianity, and earned the devotion of friends and

The Honorable David Beasley

Governor of the State of South Carolina

"I can remember my first experience with Dr. Bob. I'd heard about this art collection and assumed it would be a few pictures. And, not knowing Dr. Bob, I was expecting someone who had no humor, no wit, and no charm. I walked away from this hemisphere's greatest collection of art having met a man who had greater charm, wit, love, and compassion than hardly anyone I'd ever known before. What a great man. What a great friend, an educator, a minister, a witness of the Gospel every moment of his life, an actor, a father, a grandfather. But [he was] that which we needed most of all in this temporal citizenship of ours—a man of God who understood obedience, a man with great conviction who understood principle. He preached the Gospel; he lived the life of Christ. How unworthy we are to have known Dr. Bob Jones."

"I've decided that the best thing I can do with the last years of my life is… try to

Encourage These Missionaries

in lands where they're having a difficult time."

Dr. Bob's deep love for missions is easy to understand—he once felt that God was calling him as a missionary. Although he spent his life instead at the helm of BJU and as a powerful preacher, he never lost his love for missions. He traveled all over the world to visit and minister with missionaries and continued his father's

practice of designating half of BJU's Sunday church and Vespers offerings towards missionary projects.

This love shared with his father also led to the founding of Gospel Fellowship Association in 1933. GFA was formed to promote fellowship, Bible study, and soulwinning among individual pastors, evangelists, and Christians. However, there was also a need for licensing and ordaining Christian workers. So, although Dr. Bob Sr. was not enthusiastic about it, this purpose was included in the charter and bylaws of the organization.

Almost 65 years later, GFA has over 150 missionaries all over the world. "Souls are being saved, churches established, and children instructed," Dr. Bob said. "No ministry with which I have ever been connected, except Bob Jones University, has done my own heart more good or has been more used of God."

acquaintances around the world.

His clear, powerful messages and beautiful word pictures made him one of the most eloquent and forceful preachers of this century, and those messages reached straight to the heart of the listener.

A steadfast defender of the Fundamentalist Christian faith, Dr. Jones was the Chairman Emeritus of The International Testimony to an Infallible Bible, also known as the International Committee for the Propagation and Defense of Biblical Fundamentalism. He also served as President of the Board of Directors of Greenville's Gospel Fellowship Association.

Dr. Bob also authored numerous books (sermons, poetry, and two novels); a play on the life of Jon Huss; and a nationally syndicated newspaper column, "A Look at the Book," carried by more than three hundred newspapers. He

Dr. Victor Sadaka

Pastor, First Baptist Bible Church, Beirut, Lebanon

"Dr. Bob, you will be missed, for your seat will be empty. You leave a gap in our ranks that will never be filled. We can only pledge ourselves to press ahead with the unfinished task which you dedicated your life to. On hearing of Dr. Bob's homegoing, our son Richard e-mailed to Beirut to say that this reminded him of John Bunyan's description of the passing of Mr. Valiant for the Truth. Bunyan's simple but majestic words are so fitting for our modern-day Mr. Valiant for the Truth, Dr. Bob Jones. I quote, 'So he crossed over and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.'"

"You Are Expendable."

The cause demands everything you have. You don't matter at all; the cause is everything."

In 1976 Dr. Ian Paisley, Dr. Wayne Van Gelderen, Dr. Bob III, Dr. Bob Jr. and several others were sitting around the dinner table in the Jones's home following a Bible Conference service. Someone present expressed the wish that a congress could be called somewhere in the world bringing together the strong, fundamental men from all over the world to give a united testimony to the infallibility of the Word, the necessity of preaching the gospel, and the importance of scriptural obedience on the issues of spiritual separation. "The more we thought about it, the more Paisley, Van Gelderen, and I began to believe that it was not only a good idea but almost a necessity that such a congress be held," Dr. Bob said. "We invited a group of good, fundamental men to form a committee with us to sponsor the congress."

The meeting was held in June of 1976 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Several hundred came from Northern Ireland by ferry and chartered train, and three chartered jets brought a large group from North America.

Every continent was represented, and brethren from all over the world gathered to fill Usher Hall for a week of conference sessions. Outstanding men preached on the great doctrines of the Bible, the important issues of the day, and the history and purpose of Fundamentalism. "The whole Congress was bathed in prayer; in fact, the morning prayer service, well attended throughout the entire week, was to me the most blessed of all the services. Men from different countries prayed, most in English, but some in their native languages, following a brief inspirational message on a prayer or prayers of the Bible. The resolutions presented to the Congress by the committee and adopted unanimously were strong, clear, and positive."

Since then, the World Congress has become a regular event and has been held in 14 international cities. The next Congresses will be held in Chile and Bolivia this summer; in 1999 Bob Jones University will host the End of the Century Congress of Fundamentalists.

represented the conservative and Fundamentalist viewpoint in anthologies of religious essays and on television.

His roles as educator, evangelist, scholar, cultural advocate, and apologist for Fundamentalism gave Bob Jones Jr. a powerful influence in American Fundamentalism. Furthermore, those roles—along with his aggressive leadership and demanding personality—likewise shaped Bob Jones University as a Fundamentalist institution. His contribution, like his father's, is immeasurable.

On September 29, Dr. Bob and his family learned of the cancer that had invaded his body. Although he very much wanted to speak one more time to the student body, his health would not allow it. Instead, he recorded a taped message that was later played in chapel on October 29, just ten days after his 86th birthday. "The wonderful thing about serving the Lord is that whatever He does for you is best and whatever He sends is the very best thing He can send," Dr. Bob said. "My prayer to the Lord has been in all of this that whatever happens will be to His glory and that He will be glorified in all things. Whatever the Lord sends is all right with me—His will is being done. I want to thank you for your prayers, your friendship, and all of your encouragement. Keep praying that God will find completely worked out in my life what He wants. There's no satisfaction like knowing you serve Him, that you're His person in His will doing His task for His purpose to His glory."

It was just two weeks later, on November 12, that Dr. Bob III came in to the Amphitorium at the end of chapel to share the news with the student body. "Just before chapel today the Chancellor, my father, joined his Father in glory," Dr. Bob III said. "I wanted to share that with you because we're all family here. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and when it's time to weep, we weep together. Dad sowed all he could sow, he produced all he could produce, and now he is at rest."

The Honorable Robert D. Inglis

Congressman from the Fourth District of South Carolina

"We celebrate the life of someone …with a tireless and passionate desire to preach the gospel of Truth, to teach it, to speak it, and most of all, to live it. The Upstate of South Carolina, and indeed the whole state of South Carolina and really the nation, is a better place because of this servant of the Lord. Because of the example of this man, there are people all over the nation who will stand for infallibility and truth [of the Bible], and we will all be better because of his life."

The next day in chapel, Dr. Bob III shared with the BJU family personal glimpses of the Chancellor's final days. We were comforted that he never lost his sense of humor or his intense devotion to God. He spent time drifting in and out of consciousness, often praying when awake. "Tuesday," Dr. Bob III shared, "He woke up and started praying 'Lord when can I go home?' and then 'Huh. Well, when are You coming back? No, that's too long.' I don't know if the Lord gave him some idea of when He's coming back, but he knew that even if it were today, it was still too long for him.

"That afternoon, he called my mother in and started praying that the Lord would usher him quickly into His kingdom and that God would take care of my mother. Then he said something that must have had something to do with the funeral. He said 'Lord, let the words that are spoken at that meeting be lined with silver and gold so that all who hear it might understand.'

"He struggled with breathing a lot in the last two days. We all began to pray very hard that God would take him, because it's hard to see someone you love struggling so hard to get breath. We stood around, sang as best we could, and then recited the 23rd Psalm. And the Lord took him."

His funeral service on Monday, November 17—aptly titled a "Celebration of His Homegoing"—was a moving, stirring tribute to

Dr. Ian Paisley

Member of Parliament and Pastor, Martyrs Memorial Free Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Northern Ireland

"I am this day weak. I will hear no more my brother's voice. Alas the sound of that voice on earth is forever spilt. How I yearn to hear it again, but that cannot be. His voice was sound in the faith. Clear and true, it sounded out without apology the great doctrines of the Infallible Book. In this our day of apostasy, his voice sounded the faith. Once for all delivered unto the saints, trumpeted forth. How it blessed my soul, this voice of childlike simplicity and unquestionable loyalty to Holy Scriptures."

a victorious saint, and most importantly, to his God. Tributes from eight friends of Dr. Jones (excerpts of which are included elsewhere in this issue) were interspersed with songs of praise that Dr. Bob had written, including "Praise Ye Jehovah," "Strong in Salvation," and "My Song."

The most thrilling moment occurred at the end of the service, when an audio excerpt from one of Dr. Bob's eloquent messages was played: "You talk about the thunder of the tempest, the roaring of the sea in the hour of storm, the great throb of song as orchestra and choir lift their voices, the mightiest of pipe organs opens all the stops. My friend, the greatest music in the world is going to be the universal acclaim 'King of Kings! Lord of Lords!'"

When the University Chorale followed immediately singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah,* even the driest eye filled with tears.

Dr. Jones was buried on the island in the fountain on front campus, next to his mother and father.

Dr. Bob's Testimony:

"My chief goal in life has been to contribute to the ministry of Bob Jones University, making it a strong and effective witness to the power of the Gospel and the authority of the Scripture. Since I felt this was God's calling for me, all my preaching ministry has had as its objective to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, to win men to Him, and always in the pulpit to lift Him up. As a Christian, I have always sought in all things to honor the Lord Jesus Christ; to be obedient to the Bible; to be frank, open and honest in all my dealings; and never to compromise principle but always be ready to bend where no principle is involved.

"I have sought not only to be strong in the defense of the Fundamental, Biblical position but also to make known what Fundamentalism is. At the same time, I felt it was very important to try to combat the impression that those who were Fundamental were red-necked, uncultured, and entirely out of touch with what was going on in religious and educational circles outside of their own narrow area. One of the great joys I have had in life, possibly my greatest joy aside from my family, has been to see Bob Jones graduates in various occupations, particularly in pulpits large and small and on the mission field, standing firm for the Word of God, winning men and women to Christ, and having a positive influence for the authority of the Scriptures."

The President's Corner

Dad's traveling days as a preacher of righteousness are over. For as long as I can remember, Mother and we children were either sadly bidding him good–bye or excitedly welcoming him home. Even now, almost two weeks since he left us, Stephen, Erin, Beneth, and I were saying that because he was gone so much, it is hard for us yet to realize that he won't soon be coming back from another long trip. He is gone now on an eternal trip. When he does return, it will be in that host of the redeemed and the Heavenly angels who follow the King of Kings when He comes for his millennial reign.

He served his generation as the Lord's servant as faithfully as he knew how. In my estimation, there were several things about him that made him "useable."

He recognized his weaknesses and knew his limitations. In April 1991, I heard him say in a Chapel message "As I look at my life, I think I have more flaws than most people."

He never got over the miracle and marvel of salvation. In a sermon from John 10:39–42 preached here in September 1991, he said, "You don't need to be a miracle worker if you are a miracle yourself." Preaching Dr. Monroe Parker's funeral July 20, 1994, he said, "I'm sure I'm going to Heaven by the grace of God, but somehow I can't believe that such a sinner can be there."

He conducted his ministry in fear of failing his Savior. Again at Dr. Monroe Parker's funeral, he said, "When I shall stand in His presence, I want to meet Him with faithfulness, and not as one who has failed the Savior."

He saw himself as nothing more than a servant in bondage to his master. In 1988, I remember his saying, "God doesn't care what you think about His plans, He wants you to obey His orders. If you don't force yourself to do the things you ought to do, you will never do them."

His ministry was not out of servile obligation, but out of sincere and simple love of Christ. In a sermon on "The Lamb of God" preached here in a summer conference July 1989, he returned to his seat and said to me, "I love to talk about Jesus."

I will miss him terribly. No son ever had a better friend or counselor. He loved God's people everywhere. He especially loved his extended family, the students and graduates. When he knew he had only a short time to live, he told some friends that he breathed a sigh of relief that his time of battle for the faith was over and that he could rest. We sorrow that his voice, his influence, his wisdom, discernment, courage and preaching are no longer here for us. But we cannot regret in the least his blessed promotion to Eternal Day.

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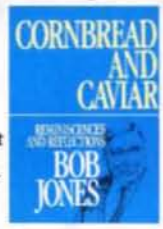

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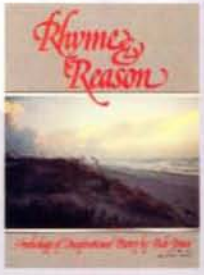

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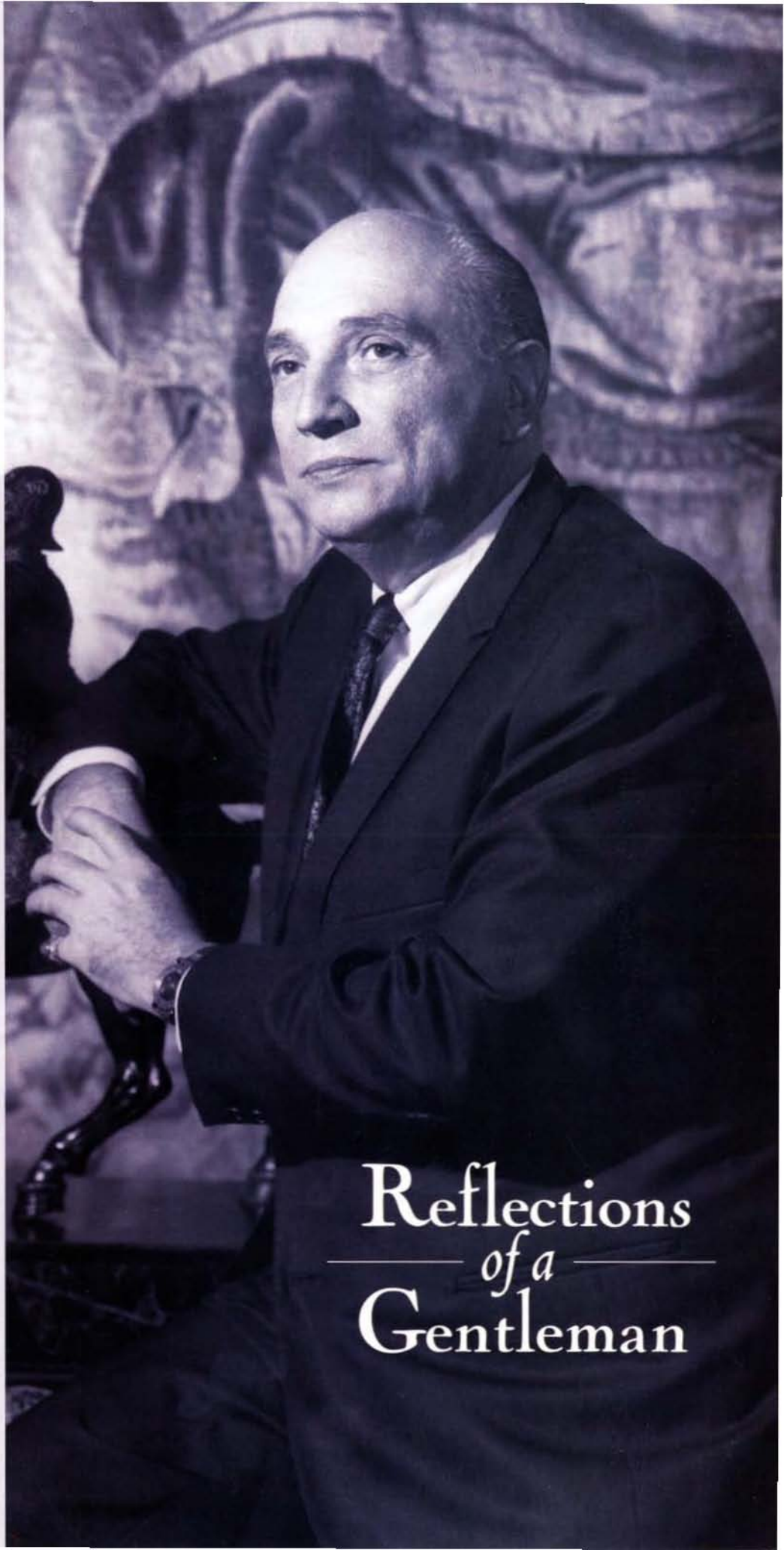

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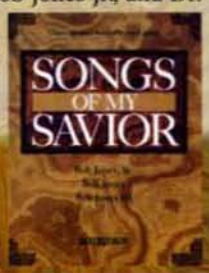

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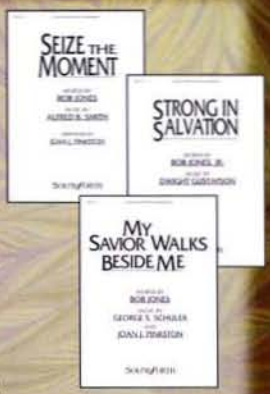

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